- Hair and Skin Care
- Preservation of Fruits and Vegetables
- Electronics Mechanic
- Steno English
- Embroidery and Needlework
- Architectural Draughtsmanship
- Desk Top Publishing Operator.

Demolition/acquisition of Indian Rubat in Saudi Arabia

*140. SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the number of Indian Rubat in existence in Saudi Arabia;

(b) how many of them have been demolished or acquired by the Saudi Arabian Government;

(c) whether Government of India have received any compensation in this regard or any alternative accommodation in lieu of the demolished or acquired Indian Rubats has been provided by the Saudi Government; and

(d) if not, what steps are being taken by Government to obtain alternative places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) Indian Rubats in existence in Saudi Arabia were estimated to be about one hundred. Presently, the number of Rubats existing in Saudi Arabia is nine—six in Makkah and three in Madinah. None of them have been acquired/demolished by Saudi Arabian Government. A number of them were acquired/demolished over time by local authorities for expansion of the religious places including Holy Mosques in Makkah and Madinah or for other city development projects. The question of compensation or alternative accommodation in lieu of demolished or acquired Indian Rubats is primarily a matter between the concerned authorities of Saudi Arabia and legal heirs of Rubats. The Indian Mission and the Consulate General in Saudi Arabia extended assistance

to the legal heirs in pursuing their claims with the concerned authorities as per relevant local regulations.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Recommendations made by National Advisory Council

693. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the subject considered by the National Advisory Council headed by Shrimati Sonia Gandhi so far;

(b) the recommendations made by the National Advisory Council; and

(c) the action taken by Government on these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) the Subject which have so far been considered in the National Advisory Council pertain, *inter alia,* to Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (including Education Cess) and Mid-Day Meal Scheme, Right to Information, the Health Sector, Draft National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill, the National Rural Roads Programme, Universalisation of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme and the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises.

(b) and (c) The recommendations/views of the Council and the action taken by the Government on the recommendations is as under:—

Nac Recommendations	Action Taken By The Government
1. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (including Education Cess) and Mid-Day Meal Scheme.	A fund for primary education and Mid-day Meals that is non-lapsable and dedicated and secures the entire receipts from the Education Cess has been set up.